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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner under the terms of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of either the filing date of a national application or the date of entry of the national stage, or because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. Moreover, Applicant does not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is

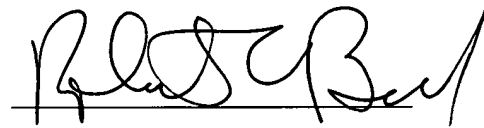
intended. The Applicant reserves the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish either point to the contrary.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
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